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Dear Harold,

Again, I hope this letter finds you and Lil in the best health as possible. When you tell me all of the complications and treatments that you both are enduring, I have to give you all of the credit that one can muster. As I have told you previously, my parents are in your age bracket so I can identify the problems of age. My mother will be 88 in May, and she is slowing down rapidly. My dad is 92 and will be 93 in October, but he is having a tough time of it. Physically, he is better than mentally, inasmuch as he does not know his children by name, including me. My sister goes to their house daily, and he refers to her as the "lady" that comes by. He fell and broke his hip and shattered his elbow a year ago last Ausust, and has progressed as well as can be expected for his age. It is his mind that concerns all of us now. Mother is blind in one eye, has dizzy spells, and other related illnesses and problems associated with aging. She keeps telling me "don't get old"! I will be 64 in July but I guess I am still young. It is funny that I don't feel old inside, but when I look in the mirror, I see this old guy looking at me!

Before I forget, I want to thank you for your service to this country! I try and tell every veteran the same thing on November 11th particulary if they served in WWII. I think your quest for the truth deserves recognition even though the main stream media will take the opposite view when it comes to the JFK assasination along with RFK and MLK. I have not spent any time to speak of on the latter two but I think there is something fishy about the official versions. I have spent most all of time on JFK!

Again, I admire your determination as well as that of Lil's in going through the medical treatments that you have described. Yes, I am aware that there is a lot of fraud in the Medicare/Medicade field; there are frequent articles in the local paper about this. Greed will always surface!

When I send these letters to you I type them from off the top of my head and I forget exactly what I said before. Regarding the Gulf War Illness, I consider this to be a tradegy of the greatest proportions because we (Bush) sent over more than one/half million of our best trained and in best physical condition troops to fingt a "war" in the name of democracy. Do you remember Bush kept reminding us of our "duty" to rid the world of this evil dictator, under the United Nations imperative! We did, and the cost was approximately 300 casulities. Then later, we found out that thousands more were dying and sick from the "gulf war" but the US and the VA kept denying any war related causes. The major media did not give any ink to this problem. Those who spoke up were described as "kooks" or "anti-government". No proof was there to back up their claims.

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